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**STATEMENT OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

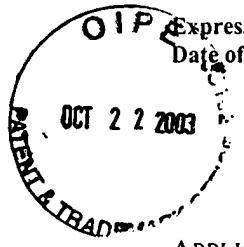
This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, Applicants have filed herewith the issue fee for a non-small entity (\$1330).

If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following documents:

- Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85 [1 page];
- Check No. 17387 in the amount of \$1,630 (\$1,330 for Issue Fee and \$300.00 for publication fee); and
- Check No. 17388 in the amount of \$30 (advance copies of patent);
- Statement of Loss of Entitlement to Small Entity Status; and
- Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 24299-506). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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